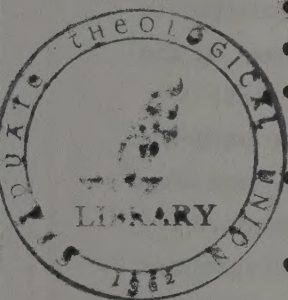


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ALLIN DECRIES RAID

DPS 82258

BY SOUTH AFRICA

NEW YORK (DPS, Dec. 16) -- In a forceful letter to the South African embassy, Presiding Bishop John M. Allin has decried an early December raid by South African soldiers into the sovereign country of Lesotho which left 50 people dead including seven women and children.

Spokesmen for the Pretoria regime said the raid was undertaken against members of the African National Congress sheltering in the capital of Lesotho. The same spokesman "regretted" that the women and children were killed in the crossfire.

Officers at the Episcopal Church Center received reports that -- although there was fighting--many of the 42 male victims were not members of the banned organization, but were black South African

students traveling in Southern Africa on passes from Pretoria. One observer told Church Center staffers that the South African Defense Forces "really botched this job."

Allin sent his letter after receiving a plea from Anglican Bishop Desmond Tutu, secretary-general of the South African Council of Churches. Tutu and Allin are close friends and colleagues and Tutu was an electrifying presence at the Episcopal Church's General Convention in September. A former bishop of Lesotho, Tutu has been under travel restrictions imposed by the racist regime for his outspoken opposition to the apartheid system. He was given a special 19-day pass to come to the Convention only after strenuous negotiation by Allin and his staff.

In the letter sent to Ambassador B.G. Fourie, Allin said the raid "stirs again the deep pool of suspicion and mistrust at a time when seemingly significant efforts are being made on a number of issues."

Acknowledging the bitter conflict between South Africa and the African National Congress, Allin asserted that the killings, nevertheless, do "little to resolve the political issues, promote constructive diplomacy ... or cast South Africa in a humanitarian image."

Allin told the envoy that he prayed that the military actions seen "as an extension of the domestic and foreign policy of the government, do not create, in fact, what their actions seek to pre-empt: African National Congress actions against civilian targets, upgraded activities in neighboring states, and material and ideological dependence upon third parties."

He points out that "in this instance, the civilian casualties were caused by the South African Defense Forces. This, along with efforts to compare the African National Congress with the P.L.O. has placed the government of South Africa in danger of making a casualty of its own credibility."

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PRIMATES ASSURED ON

DPS 82259

U.S.-EL SALVADOR PROBE

NEW YORK (DPS, Dec. 16)-- Presiding Bishop John M. Allin and the primates of England and Canada have recieved indirect word that their call for a probe of the slaughter of seven leaders of the La Florida church-run cooperative farm in El Salvador is being answered.

Allin and Archbishops Robert Runcie of Canterbury and Edward Scott of Canada issued their appeal after they learned that the farm had been overrun by an armed group that had slain seven men --cutting their throats, stabbing them and, in some cases, shooting them in the back of the neck --had left 24 widows and orphans and completely shattered the normal life of what is hailed as "one of the most hopeful signs" in that troubled land.

The three Anglican leaders-- whose churches have supported the farm project extensively -- cabled U.S. envoy Deane Hinton of their personal support for his call for an investigation. Hinton was told that the Episcopal Church was making the bishop-in-charge of El Salvador, the Rt. Rev. G. Edward Haynsworth available to coordinate the work of relief and pastoral response necessary.

A week later, officers at Scott's Toronto headquarters were told by a U.S. embassy spokesman in Canada that Hinton had been in contact with senior Salvadoran army officials and could assure the Church leaders that an investigation would be launched and appropriate action taken against the perpetrators.

Just who those perpetrators are remains a mystery at this time, but Associated Press reports spoke of interviews with natives of the region that suggested official army involvement. Additionally, the reports note that the residents of La Florida were on the verge of actually buying their land under terms of a two-year-old agrarian reform act; an act that has caused much resentment among the wealthy and conservative landed classes.

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CONNECTICUT VENTURE  
AT WORK IN ECUADOR

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QUITO, Ecuador (DPS, Dec. 16)-- Nearly \$140,000 of Venture in Mission money from the Diocese of Connecticut is at work in Ecuador.

\$70,000 will pay for construction of the first phase of a new cathedral here on land purchased nine years ago with a United Thank Offering grant.

\$40,000 has produced a new church, San Jose Obreron, in a residential area of Manta on the Pacific coast.

\$7,000 is supporting the rebuilding of a 100-year-old building purchased seven years ago for San Pablo Church in central Manta.

\$10,000 paid for the enlargement of Santa Maria Libertad Church in Esmeraldas.

\$10,000 is at work in Tena in the Oriente jungle region of eastern Ecuador.

Suffragan Bishop Clarence Coleridge of Connecticut consecrated the Manta and Esmeraldas churches during a December visit to Ecuador. He also consecrated the new church of Santiago in La Pila. Ecuador's Bishop Adrian Caceres admits that the Episcopal Church's mission in Ecuador is building-oriented.

"We do not need luxurious churches but we need church buildings," he said. "You can't present the church in Latin America without buildings. If you don't have buildings people say you are a sect."

Coleridge also celebrated the Eucharist and preached in Trinidad Church, Guayaquil. He received new members and confirmed in many of the places he visited. The Rev. John Kelley of Wilton, Conn., served as his interpreter.

The Episcopal Church in Ecuador consisted of 200 members in 1970, mostly in Quito and Guayaquil. There are now 5,000 members in 70 missions.

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MISSOURI GIFT AIDS

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CHN-JUBILEE WORK

NEW YORK (DPS, Dec. 16)-- In the hope of "revitalizing our ministry and mission through urban parishes," the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri has made a gift of \$35,000 from Venture in Mission offerings to "Jubilee Ministry Grants," which will be administered by the Church's Coalition for Human Needs.

The Jubilee Ministry plan won strong approval at the recent General Convention of the Church -- approval which was ratified at the first post-convention meeting of the Executive Council-- and the integration of that plan into the Church's programs under the aegis of The Next Step in Mission.

In announcing the gift, Missouri Bishop William Jones wrote to Presiding Bishop John M. Allin that the grants under concern were to be made "by the Coalition for Human Needs Commission through the Executive Council, in accordance with the procedures and guidelines in the report of the Standing Commission on the Church in Metropolitan Areas, representing, in sum, a concrete expression of the priority commitment made by this Church," in its approval of Jubilee.

Speaking of the gift, the Rev. Earl Neil, staff officer for the Coalition, said that he was "greatly encouraged by this prompt response from the Diocese of Missouri because there are so many areas of pressing need that must be addressed as expeditiously and as responsibly as possible. Their sharing of their stewardship will mean a great deal to that work."

The gift --and any others that follow-- will be set aside in a special fund for that purpose. The Coalition normally makes regular grants twice a year and the applications for these must be recieved for

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evaluation 90 days in advance. There are also provisions for emergency grants of up to \$10,000 that can be made at other times.

Church Center officials anticipate that such funds may best be used to respond to the service needs a congregation finds looming up in its area as it undertakes the self-evaluation called for in The Next Step. Convention's endorsement of this evaluation -- of a congregation's service, pastoral, educational, evangelical and worship gifts and needs -- is seen as the most natural way to ensure proper development of Jubilee proposals which are also parish-oriented.

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BISHOP JONES OF SOUTH DAKOTA

DPS 82262

CALLED 'HOME' TO CANADA

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (DPS, Dec. 16)-- Calling it both a surprise and an honor, Bishop Walter Heath Jones has accepted a call to return to his native Canada as bishop of the Diocese of Rupert's Land.

Jones, who had not campaigned for the post, was elected Nov. 20 at a synod of the Winnipeg-centered diocese. His new see includes about 26,000 Anglicans in 80 parishes served by 110 priests.

"If you grow up somewhere and then, 24 years later, they call you home, that's an honor," the bishop told Religious New Service after the election. He had been approached by friends among the Winnipeg clergy about running early in the month and had agreed to let his name stand although he said that he "didn't think there was much of a chance."

There are a number of similarities between the American and Canadian dioceses. Both cover vast sparsely-settled regions and both are served by quite a few non-stipendiary clergy. In addition, of course, both minister with large communities of Native Americans.

A native of Winnipeg, Jones, 54, was ordained into the Anglican Church of Canada in 1952. He served parishes in Manitoba until 1958 when he crossed the border to begin his ministry in South Dakota. He was dean of Sioux Falls when he was elected bishop in 1970.

The diocese of South Dakota had begun the process of electing a bishop coadjutor to succeed Jones, but no date for the election had been set. The Standing Committee of the diocese will, therefore, act as the ecclesiastical authority after Jones goes to Canada in February or March, once the required canonical consents are received.

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PHILADELPHIA PRIEST TAPPED  
TO BE OHIO COADJUTOR

DPS 82263

CLEVELAND (DPS, Dec. 16)-- The Rev. James R. Moodey, rector of St Paul's Episcopal Church in Philadelphia, has been elected as bishop coadjutor of the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio.

Moodey, 50, was elected on the eighth ballot of a special convention held Dec. 11. After all the canonical requirements have been fulfilled, he will be consecrated and will be the automatic successor to Bishop John H. Burt when he retires as diocesan.

Although Burt, 64, has announced no retirement plans, he asked the diocesan convention in January, 1982, to begin the process of selecting a bishop coadjutor.

Moodey was one of four men nominated by the selection committee after an extensive screening process. Three other priests were nominated from the floor. He won the necessary majority of votes of lay delegates fairly early in the election, but did not gain the clergy majority until the eighth ballot.

A native of New York City, the bishop-elect is a graduate of Hamilton College and the Episcopal Theological School (now the Episcopal Divinity School) in Cambridge, Mass. He served his first cure --after ordination in 1957 -- as assistant in Christ Church, Cincinnati in the neighboring diocese of Southern Ohio.

He then spent five years in New Castle, Del., before becoming rector of St. Luke's Church in Scranton, Penna. which he served from 1965 until his call to Philadelphia in 1976.

The bishop-elect is very active in urban and church affairs, serving on national and diocesan Episcopal Urban Caucus boards and as a deputy to five General Conventions.

He will take up ministry in a diocese that contains about

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112 congregations served by more than 200 clergy in situations that range from extreme wealth to the despair of regions dying of industrial neglect.

Concern for those areas-- and for the traditional inner city areas --has been a major focus of Burt's 14-year episcopacy. Also active in the Urban Caucus (and in the Urban Bishops Coalition) ,Burt has played a key role in ecumenical efforts to revitalize and bring hope to cities in his diocese that have suffered from steel industry reversals.

Other candidates in the election were: Bishop Otis Charles of Utah; the Rev. Joseph Pelham, director of the diocesan City Mission; and the Rev. John C. Sanders, rector of Christ Church, Shaker Heights in the diocese. The Rev. Ebert Hobbs of the Anglican Church of Canada staff, the Rev. Roderic Pierce of Elyria, Ohio and the Rev. L.F. Stelk were nominated from the floor.

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LUTHERAN-EPISCOPAL RITE

DPS 82264

SLATED FOR JANUARY 16

WASHINGTON (DPS, Dec. 16)-- Plans are being completed for a joint celebration of the Eucharist to mark formally the inauguration of the ecumenical commitment which was approved in September by the ruling bodies of three Lutheran Churches and the Episcopal Church.

Although the accord has already been celebrated with joint celebrations in a number of dioceses, the Jan. 16 Eucharist at the Cathedral of SS Peter and Paul here will mark the first time that the heads of all four Churches will celebrate together and the service is expected to provide a model for other such rites across the country.

Presiding Bishop John M. Allin of the Episcopal Church will be the chief celebrant at the 4 p.m. service. Bishop James R. Crumley of the Lutheran Church in America will preach. Bishop David Preus of the American Lutheran Church will be the gospellor while Bishop William Kohn of the Evangelical Lutheran Church will preside at the prayers of the people.

Lay and clerical leaders from all the Churches will take the additional roles in the Rite II celebration from the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer. Music will also represent both traditions.

The Washington service will be linked to a parallel event in Minneapolis the same day and, it is hoped, to numerous such celebrations around the country.

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CALENDAR OF EPISCOPAL CHURCH EVENTS 1983

JANUARY

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Place</u>
5-7	Province VIII College Chaplains Conference	San Francisco
9-10	Province VIII Council Meeting	Burlingame, Cal.
9-15	Hymn Music Com.of Stg.Comm./Ch. Music	New York
10-11	Province VIII Hunger Task Force	Fresno, Cal.
12-13	Committees of Nat'l Miss. in Ch.& Soc.	San Francisco
14-15	Province V Nigerian Task Force	Park Ridge, Ill.
16	Lutheran-Episcopal Celebration	Washington
19-21	Regional Stewardship Conference	Waverly, Ga.
21-22	Convention, Diocese of Central Florida	Orlando
23-27	Standing Liturgical Commission	New York
24-26	Service Music Com. of Stg. Comm./Ch. Music	New York
24-26	Trinity Institute, East	New York
26-27	Convention, Diocese of Haiti	Port-au-Prince
27-29	Episcopal Conf./Parish Renewal	Louisville, Ky.
27-29	Trinity Institute, West	San Francisco
28-30	Council, Diocese of Mississippi	Biloxi
30-2/5	Women's Triennial Committee	New York
31-2/2	Regional Stewardship Conference	Seabeck, Wash.

FEBRUARY

4-6	Council, Dio./Southwestern Virginia	Blacksburg, Va.
5	Installation, Bp.G.P.M.Belshaw/New Jersey	Trenton
9-11	Executive Council/Episcopal Church	Charleston, S.C.
14	DEADLINE, CHN Spring Grant Applications	
14-18	Episcopal Church Center Staff Week	New York
16-19	Convention, Diocese of Taiwan	Taichung
19	Convention, Diocese of Long Island	Garden City
20-26	Hymn Music Com.of Stg.Comm./ Church Music	New York
21-24	Coalition-14 annual meeting	Scottsdale, Ariz.
25-27	Convention, Diocese of Kentucky	Louisville

MARCH

7-9	Regional Stewardship Conference	Amarillo, Tex.
7-11	Standing Commission/Church Music	New York
9-11	Board for Theological Education	New York
9-11	Convention, Diocese of Guatemala	Guatemala City
16-17	Province I, Youth Ministries Net	Temple, N.H.

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APRIL

7	Primate's Adv.Comm./Jewish-Christian Rel	New York
8-10	Province I Youth Event	?
11-14	Associated Church Press Convention	Boston
	15-16 Episcopal	R/TV
	Foundation	Atlanta
18-20	Regional Stewardship Conference	Painesville, Ohio
18-20	Service Music Com. of Stg.Comm./Ch. Music	New York
18-21	Province V Episcopal Church Women Meeting	St. Louis
19	Province I Communicators	Concord, N.H.
19-22	Religious Public Relations Council	Denver
22-24	Convention, Diocese of Idaho	Nampa
25-27	National Hunger Committee	Denver
27-29	Educators/Trainers for Ministry	Garden City, N.Y.
27-5/1	Conference on Peace Issues	Denver
28-30	Anglican Fellowship of Prayer Conf.	Denver

MAY

2-3	Board, Appalachian Peoples Svc. Org.	Cincinnati
5-8	Convocation of American Churches in Europe	?
9-11	Province V Hunger Task Force	Racine, Wisc.
9-11	Regional Stewardship Conference	Cazenovia, N.Y.
10-12	Board, Comm. on Religion in Appalachia	Pittsburgh
12-14	Funding Mtg., Coal./Human Needs Comm.	?
13-14	Convention, Diocese of New Hampshire	Exeter
15-21	Hymn Music Com. of Stg. Comm./Ch. Music	New York
16-18	Conference on Christian Unity	Louisville
19-26	Pacific Basin Conference	Hawaii
23-27	Episcopal Church Center Staff Week	New York
29-6/1	Synod, Province VI	Riverton, Wyo.
30-6/4	Synod, Province VIII	San Francisco

JUNE

1-2	Province I, Youth Ministry Net	Temple, N.H.
1-3	Board for Church Deployment	Norfolk, Va.
13-17	Clergy Practicum (stewardship)	Austin, Tex.
15-17	Executive Council/ Episcopal Church	?
15-18	Episcopal World Mission Conference	Sewanee, Tenn.
18	Convention, Diocese of Rochester	Hornell, N.Y.
20-24	Clergy Practicum (stewardship)	Washington
27-7/1	Clergy Practicum (stewardship)	Evanston, Ill.
27-7/8	Appalachian Regional School/Ch. Leaders	Morgantown, W.Va.

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JULY

20-23	Inter'l Consult./Anglican Communicators	Vancouver, B.C.
24-8/10	World Council of Churches Assembly	Vancouver, B.C.

AUGUST

8-13	Hymn Music Com.of Stg. Comm./Ch. Music	New York
10	DEADLINE CHN Fall Grant Applications	
29-31	Service Music Com. of Stg. Comm./Ch. Music	New York

SEPTEMBER

12-16	Episcopal Church Center Staff Week	New York
16-18	Province I, Youth Ministries Training Evt.	?
19-23	Standing Committee/ Church Music	New York
22-24	Convention, Diocese of Montana	Butte
29-10/3	Province IX, Bishops Meeting	Spokane, Wash.
30-10/7	House of Bishops Interim Meeting	Spokane, Wash.

OCTOBER

1	Coalition 'O' Bishops Meeting	Spokane, Wash.
4-7	Stg.Comm, Anglican Consultative Council	Nairobi
9-15	Hymn Music Com.of Stg. Comm/Ch. Music	New York
10-13	Meeting of Primates of Anglican Communion	Nairobi
11-13	Provinces I-IV Hunger Conferences	Washington
14-15	Episcopal R/TV Foundation Meeting	Atlanta
20-22	Convention, Diocese of Oregon	Portland
21	Convention, Diocese of Chicago	Chicago
21-22	Convention, Diocese of Kansas	Fort Scott
23-26	Service Music Com. of Stg. Comm/Ch. Music	New York
28-29	Convention, Diocese of Eau Claire	River Falls, Wisc.

NOVEMBER

3-5	Convention, Diocese of Lexington	Florence, Ky.
3-5	Convention, Diocese of Colorado	Denver
4-5	Convention, Diocese of New Jersey	Lawrenceville
4-5	Convention, Diocese of Central New York	Syracuse
4-5	Convention, Diocese of Rhode Island	Providence
6	Convention, Diocese of Massachusetts	Boston
9-11	Board for Theological Education	?
10-12	Funding Mtg.Coalition/Human Needs Comm.	?
11-12	Convention, Diocese of Northwestern Penna.	Oil City
14-18	Standing Committee on Church Music	New York
16-18	Executive Council/ Episcopal Church	New York
28-30	Board for Church Deployment	Phoenix, Ariz.

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